## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALEXANDER FLEISS, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, Plaintiff, Case No. 07-CV-3753 (LAK) **ECF** Case VS. OPTIONABLE, INC., MARK NORDLICHT, KEVIN CASSIDY, EDWARD J. O'CONNOR, ALBERT HELMIG, and MARC-ANDRE BOISSEAU, Defendants. EDWARD PETERS, Individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, Plaintiff, Case No. 07-CV-3877 (LAK) ECF Case VS. OPTIONABLE, INC., MARK NORDLICHT, KEVIN [RELATED ACTION] P. CASSIDY, EDWARD J. O'CONNOR, ALBERT HELMIG, and MARC-ANDRE BOISSEAU, Defendants. JAGDISH PATEL, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff, Case No. 07-CV-3845 (LAK) VS. **ECF Case** OPTIONABLE, INC., KEVIN CASSIDY, and EDWARD J. O'CONNOR, [RELATED ACTION] Defendants.

## AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD W. COHEN IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING LOWEY DANNENBERG BEMPORAD SELINGER & COHEN, P.C. TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT OPTIONABLE, INC.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	): ss
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER	)

RICHARD W. COHEN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. On May 21, 2007 Defendant Optionable, Inc. and Lowey Dannenberg Bemporad

Selinger & Cohen. P.C. ("LDBSC") entered into an agreement for LDBSC to appear for it and defend the above-captioned actions.

- On May 21, 2007 LDBSC appeared in the above-entitled actions as counsel for Defendant Optionable, Inc.
- 3. On May 24, 2007 the Court scheduled an initial pretrial conference to be held on June 18, 2007, in the absence of an agreed scheduling agreement.
- 4. On May 29, 2007, Defendant Optionable, Inc. informed LDBSC that despite its complete satisfaction with LDBSC's services, it had hired another law firm to defend it in the above-entitled actions, and asked LDBSC to withdraw as counsel.
- Accordingly, LDBSC makes this motion to withdraw as counsel for Optionable,
   Inc.

Dated: White Plains, New York May 31, 2007

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Richard W. Cohen

Sworn to before me on this 31 day of May, 2007

NOTARY PUBLIC

SYLVIA HOFFMANN
Notary Public, State of New York
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